

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE ALFRED C. ANDERSON

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I recognize Alfred C. Anderson, who ends 28 years of service as the treasurer for Roanoke County in January 2004.

Mr. Anderson is the longest serving treasurer in the history of Roanoke County, first being elected in 1971. He served until 1975 and then resumed the elected post in 1979. He has been Roanoke County's treasurer ever since.

As treasurer, Mr. Anderson helped modernize the office, allowing for on-line payments and computer record keeping. He has distinguished himself and his office, becoming the president of the Treasurer's Association of Virginia in 1986 President of the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers and receiving the award for National Treasurer of the Year in 1996, County Republican Official of the Year in 1998 and the Commonwealth's Award in 1997.

Mr. Anderson is a community leader, serving as past chairman of the Roanoke United Methodist Church, past president of the Dogwood Festival and Vinton Lions Club. He currently serves as Chairman of the 6th District Republican party and as a board member on the Blue Ridge Education and Training Council.

Alfred Anderson is a graduate of East Tennessee State University. He and his wife Ann live in Vinton, VA and have two children.

Mr. Anderson has left an indelible mark on his office and his community. I congratulate him and wish him well on his retirement.●

(At the request of DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

TRIBUTE TO INTERNS

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I extend my appreciation to my fall 2003 class of interns: Dennis O'Connor, Melissa Hall, Jason Eaton, Theresa Fruher, and Natalie Dupcher. Each of them has been a tremendous help to me and to the people of Iowa over the past several months. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Since I was first elected into the Senate in 1984, my office has offered internships each fall to young Iowans and other interested students. Through their work in the Senate, our interns have not only seen the legislative process at work, but they also have personally contributed to our Nation's democracy.

It is with much appreciation that I recognize Dennis, Melissa, Jason, Theresa, and Natalie for their hard work this fall. It has been a delight to watch them take on their assignments with enthusiasm and hard work. I am very proud to have worked with each of them. I hope they take from their fall a sense of pride in what they have been able to accomplish and an increased interest in public service and our democratic system and process.●

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA BUCKLEY MOSS

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I recognize Patricia Buckley Moss for her outstanding contributions to the advancement of art and education in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Moss was born and raised in New York City, where she attended the Washington Irving High School for the Fine Arts. After developing her artistic talents in high school, Ms. Moss received a scholarship to the prestigious Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York. While at Cooper Union, she studied fine arts and graphic design for 4 years.

In 1964, Ms. Moss and her family relocated to Waynesboro, VA. Living in the stunning Shenandoah Valley gave Ms. Moss the opportunity to experience and appreciate the natural beauty of the outdoors, which has played a prominent role in her art ever since. Over the past 40 years, she has created a unique style that is well known by collectors across the globe. Her artistic work eventually led to the creation of the P. Buckley Moss Museum, which opened in Waynesboro, VA, in 1989. This well-known museum in the Shenandoah Valley was created to "permanently record and illuminate the Moss phenomenon through educational exhibitions, lectures, permanent collections and archival files."

During her illustrious artistic career, Ms. Moss has exhibited tremendous dedication to many charitable endeavors. In particular, she has remained committed to various children's charities, with a primary focus on special education programs. In 1986, the P. Buckley Moss Society was created by a group of her most dedicated collectors to facilitate the management of her various charitable activities. This society has grown to over 20,000 members worldwide and uses fundraisers to provide for charitable projects. Among its projects in 1995, the Society created the P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education; the mission of this educational foundation is to "promote the integration of the arts into all educational programs, with a special focus on programs for children who learn differently."

Patricia Buckley Moss is an excellent role model for aspiring young artists throughout our country. She has left an indelible mark on her community not only through her art, but also through her charitable work, which has touched the lives of so many, specifically those who are learning impaired. I commend her for her service and wish her continued success in her life.●

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CONGRATULATING AG PRODUCER OF THE YEAR KIRK CORDES

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish to publicly congratulate Kirk Cordes of

Rapid City, SD, for receiving the Ag Producer of the Year award at the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation banquet.

The Ag Producer of the Year is awarded to one recipient a year who distinguishes themselves in the Agricultural Business Community in South Dakota. The award has been given out since 2001. The award goes to a person who uses the most recent and innovative technology to further advance the agriculture industry for the better.

Kirk Cordes understands the word perseverance. Mr. Cordes was raised on a ranch outside of Elm Springs, SD, where he attended elementary school in a one room school house. After graduating from South Dakota State University in 1970 with a degree in agriculture/business, he worked hard and saved his income. In 1973, the hard work and determination paid off. He bought his mother and father in-law's 6,800 acre ranch, and he and his family have owned and operated the ranch ever since.

Kirk Cordes has been recognized numerous times for his devotion to the agricultural industry in South Dakota. Among his numerous awards, he is a member of various organizations and serves on many boards. He is a past director of the Pennington County Soil Conservation District. He has also been a past director, vice president and State president of the South Dakota section for range management and recipient of Rangeman of the year for South Dakota in 1983. He is a current member of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Rapid City Area Chamber Ag Committee and the Western South Dakota Buckaroos. For the past 10 years, he has been president of the West River/Lyman Jones Rural Water Systems, which is part of the Mni Wiconi Water Project.

After 30 years of ranching, Kirk and his wife Kathy will be turning the ranch over to their son and daughter-in-law.

I am pleased that his agricultural leadership is being publicly recognized and that his achievements will serve as a model for all outstanding agricultural producers throughout the State to emulate. It is with great honor that I share his impressive achievements with my colleagues.●

RECOGNITION OF MARTIN FINKEL

• Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Martin Finkel, a distinguished doctor and family friend. Dr. Finkel has practiced medicine for over 30 years on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Martin Finkel, M.D., F.A.C.P., P.C., a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, was voted for inclusion in the October edition of the prestigious "Guide to America's Top Physicians."

In designating this distinction, the editors of the Guide noted that Dr.